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- Male 1** ...the subject of the developed Islamic movements, is a European subject, not meaning as much as it is a Arab or Islamic subject.
- Male 2** But what of repercussions?
- Male 1** Look at Birmingham in England, there is a city where most of its people became Muslim.
- Male 2** The [Inaudible] people come like the old Baghdadi neighborhoods. For instance if one person from Tikrit comes they'll all come and what do they name it the Al-Tikriti neighborhood, Al-Duriyin neighborhood, Al-'Iniyin neighborhood, Al-Mushadir neighborhood, and so on.
- Male 3** With the help of the economic and political conditions
- Male 1** In the past both were acceptable and they wanted the inexpensive dealings and there wasn't just a problem of [Inaudible], but it was a problem because you had 2 million people.
- Male 2** It's spreading in the inside.
What's the news on the Taliban? Who's been following them, in Afghanistan? Yes Comrade ...uh...
- Male 4** Sir, President, Leader...I was expecting that the mediator Mahmud Al-Misiri would reach an agreement according to the terms.
- Male 1** Like the United Nations
- Male 4** Yes
But it seems Rabani has some hidden agendas for the tactics. It seems that despite Pakistan...Pakistan, uh, is strong in it's support of the Taliban.
(206)_____in regards to the_____, the killing in Afghanistan and all of the smuggling goes through Pakistan. Sir, President, Leader if the Taliban maintains its budget and its military plans I don't see why they won't be able to achieve most of their goals. The Iranians are very bothersome.
- Male 1** So does this mean their success depends on removing Hikmatayar or removing all of them.
- Male 4** Sir, removing all of them would be hard, like at least...

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- Male 1** No, how is it designed, like, is a plan in the making or what, for just Hikmatayar or for the entire administration?
- Male 4** Sir, President, Leader, it's to reach the entire administration.
- Male 1** This is apparent
- Male 4** Yes
- Male 1** But it just doesn't seem like we're close to a final plan and that must be made. It's not possible to seriously understand the situation unless we find the source. The source, we all should be checking this subject out.
- Male 4** If we thought this phenomenon was there doing....
- Male 5** No, no...because the Saudi's were against Hikmatayar
- Male 4** Yes
- Male 1** And they were pleased with the idea of getting rid of Hikmatayar. If the goal was to also target the administration.
- Male 5** Sir, we ask who are the former officials and high-ranking officers from the Afghani army that returned to help Afghanistan? I read that the officers that returned to the Taliban were Afghani but a lot of them lived in Russia and the former Soviet Union. Sir, I believe this was planned to directly affect the people and the old factions that had power in the past like Rabani, [Inaudible]... But with all the conflict they gained a lot of experience and knowledge of the terrain. So that makes it very tough to invade Afghanistan. Like India can't invade Afghanistan not only because of the terrain but also Pakistan's ties to it. The Russians don't want to get involved in Afghanistan again [Inaudible] for Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, there are still factions some of whom are just hard working and others that cause problems in Afghanistan with religion.
- Male 1** These groups aren't politicians they are driven by religion. They want to ban chess and put women back in the homes as wives. The Russians don't want a government with religion like that and that's their problem. All of these religious regimes are affecting the former Soviet nations in the area.
- Male 6** [Inaudible] the loyalist officers, and afterwards they could possibly put matters into their own hands. Because if they

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want to get it going as a country all of the former military detachments will have to come and join the Taliban's movement

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- Male 1** Research isn't really necessary, suggestion from a side; sometimes people try new things with the mentality that they just might get rid of it.
- Male 6** The previous power fell
- Male 1** Maybe there are politics in it
- Male 6** There must be foreign support sir, Afghanistan um...
- Male 1** It's not possible that there isn't [Inaudible]
- Male 6** Well of course Hikmatayar has tanks, helicopters, mortars, fighters, and so on. You can just go and stand toe to toe with him.
- Male 1** They must infiltrate, bringing down a government is like salt
- Male 6** Like, repairs, they don't talk about their repairs, developments, they don't talk about their developments. You know...
- Male 1** It will be in a new state
- Male 6** Yes, so they'll be able to [Inaudible] Hikmatayar isn't easy, you don't want to meet with him. He is well qualified, sharp and cannot be manipulated easily.
- Male 7** For a long time [Inaudible]
- Male 1** The long period of time doesn't achieve your goal... Help from the North...
Yes comrade Tariq.
- Male 8** Mr. President, Hikmatayar as a power and an intellect and the alliances he started doing recently with people he opposed before, the Unity Party. The Iranian wing that used to refuse to go to Iran. He had some reservations about them and they weren't that important anyway. The other side was the one wanting to start an alliance with them; they even gave them some ministers from the Iranians even with Najib's presence. You can tell from Hikmatayar's behavior that neither the Americans nor the Saudis like him. He has his own personality, and he can't be a follower like Rabbani or Sayyaf who actually lived in Saudi Arabia. It's true that hikmatayar wasn't inside but his people and fighters were. In addition to that, he's from a very important tribe in Afghanistan.

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So when he allied himself with Doastin they formed a strong alliance. So the UN agreement is a failure unless they give him a role. Hikmatyar is going to make the new formation; they will use his people and some independents. Those independents usually go with the strongest.

A couple of days ago, Rabbani announced that he would ally himself with the Taliban only. So the Islamic, Unity and Doastin were considered outside the political arena. They said the cooperation is not just in the capital; it's in all of Afghanistan.

Taliban at the moment controls nine provinces out of thirty. And they're right outside of Kabul. So he's announcing that he doesn't want the previous resolution, he wants an alliance with the Taliban. So the Americans, Saudis and Pakistanis like the Taliban is not actually supporting them, because they can't guarantee the cooperation of Hikmatyar. That's because Hikmatyar made it clear that he wants to be the sole ruler. That has been known ever since the Soviets were there. He turned down 20% of the seats in the Communist Party. Even the Arabs tried to convince him and he said never.

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- Male 7** He is currently in Afghanistan
- Male 8** Yes he is. Even if there was an alliance between them and the Taliban, because Afghanistan is not a small country,
- Male 7** [Inaudible]
- Male 8** Of course, I saw all that when the alliance started. But that alliance will not accomplish what they want. Even if Taliban and Rabbani agree and get the ok from the west and Saudi Arabia, Doafsin might not agree. He has a far area that they can't get to.
So it's not a solution, but it is possible to have a government in Kabul and the areas surrounding it. But that was a strong push recently, nine provinces, and they issued warnings...
- Male 7** [Inaudible]... their interest in Afghanistan, I mean America...
- Male 8** In fact I...
- Male 2** Pakistan's interest is...
- Male 8** Pakistan yes, but I doubt that Russia has a role in it
- Male 7** When there was a struggle between the Americans and Russians... but the regional powers that have interest, like Iran and Pakistan. Saudi Arabia of course spends money.
[Inaudible], basically Najib was... they were interested in...
They want Muslims with white turbans to go out and fight.
The Muslims today are working in favor of the Indian policy.
But their leaders are not around, they keep saying Taliban this and Taliban that, but where is he...
- Male 2** They say he's a young man in his 30's...
- Male 7** It's a fast movement...
- Male 2** They're only aiming for...

[Inaudible, people talking at the same time]
- Male 2** They turned into... [Inaudible]... turns into a technical state and not a popular state. The value of a revolutionary movement is to be a technical leader to the people. When that goes away, it turns into a technical state...
- Male 7** They ruined their own country sir...

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Male 2 They gradually start competing and getting weak, and they get hated. The Islamic movement or what is called Islamic movement, attacked ministers and leaders, they kill the police and it's still going on till this day. It turned into a technical state. You get four or five people and they do a technical operation, maybe against a policeman, but does it mean they defeated the police station? That's the issue. When they lost the people, they turned into a technical state. Their numbers start to gradually decrease and weaken and they die out. They get money for a certain period because of the economic situation, and then they're finished...

Male 7 But they destroyed Afghanistan...

Male 2 The problem is that Afghanistan doesn't have depth. So if it's destroyed then who will fix it?
So if you look at something that was built tens or hundred of years ago, are they capable of building something similar?
They're not
There's a people and a mountain

Male 7 [Inaudible]... Iran with the expertise and petrol...

Male 2 The Islamic movements in modern times cannot build. They can involve themselves a little in politics; they can do some things in mosques or churches. But when it's time to rule, they can't.
They use religion as a method to get to power, but after they're in power, religion becomes a burden.
Doctor, did the oil conference take place yet?

Male 9 No sir not yet...

Male 2 There should be a campaign for it in the western media. So you should have somebody do an interview with some radio stations and other media before it takes place.

Male 9 The turn out is huge, more than we expected. About 80 personalities came...

Male 2 Because Iraq is a future state not just a present state, regardless of other things

Male 9 The English come to Iraq after ten years with \$150 billion. Where's our share?

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- Male 2** Tell him we'll spend it on biological... [Laughs]
- [Laughter from everyone]
- Male 2** We don't know about the new ways, you have to teach us all over again... [Laughs]
- Male 2** Yes, Minister of Information
- Male 10** The media agencies are not sending regular reporters; they're sending reporters who specialize in petroleum studies. What's going to happen in London is...
- Male 2** If that's the case then you should meet with the brothers and plan on how you're going to deal with the reporters. So meet with the Minister of Oil, Dr Sa'dun Al-Hammadi, come up with a plan on how to approach the terms and what they are
- Male 10** There will be a similar conference in London in exactly a month. On April 12th.
- Male 11** [Inaudible]... we'll call it, we receive the Iraqi oil. Then they changed it, and at the same time we got your approval that Dr Sa'dun should attend the conference. But we still can't get him a Visa.
- Male 2** We should let the conference people that we want Dr Sa'dun to attend, so they should put pressure on the British government to get him a Visa. That's how it should work
- Male 11** The organizer sir, Ahmad Zakiyyah, doesn't have his group...
- Male 2** [Inaudible]... so Dr Sa'dun can go
- Male 11** Sir, the British Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Minister himself said that they would not give Dr Sa'dun a Visa. He's an important figure in the Iraqi government so it's impossible to give him a Visa.
[Inaudible, Laughter]
- Male 2** Who's the political oil figure that we have in Iraq? Is Al-Anbari good for something like this? Also an ambassador.
- Male 11** He is, but he's not up to date on oil issues. Unless we send him and he stays there for a week or two. But he is capable in general.

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- Male 10** Sir, Dr Rahim 'Abd Al [inaudible], our ambassador in Vienna, he also specializes in the oil sector
- Male 2** 'Abd Al-Rahim is not influential
- Male 10** But they come and say...
- Male 2** Yes Dr Safa
- Male 12** Thank you sir. This conference is important because it will discuss the future of Iraqi oil, it's true that they changed its name, but the studies that will be discussed are the same. So even if the refuse entry for Dr Sa'dun, it's important to send someone else even if he's not enough. So if we fund another political figure...
- Male 2** But not as an alternative to Dr Sa'dun, we can wait till the last minute and put more pressure on them
- Male 12** We are doing this
- Male 2** But we should increase the number of candidates and keep them in mind, even if they can partially do the job.
- Male 12** We can send a good person with him, Sa'd-Allah Fathi who was in OPEC, but we still want a high profile personality. As far as the conference is concerned, there will be a lot of pressure on us. Especially from journalists. Not just specialists, but also political journalists. My opinion is to coordinate with the deputy Minister of Information, and we also have a preparation committee for the conference that have members from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Intelligence Services. So this opportunities...
- Male 2** Lets not put big barriers on the...
- Male 12** Yes sir, especially that they're paying for all expenses. They're paying for the hotel rooms in dollars. So we'll bring them from Amman, so we didn't over do it sir.
- Male 2** That's not an issue
- Male 12** The Ministry of Information and the Intelligence Services don't want just any journalist to show up. So this conference in my opinion is very important, and so far, 80 personalities are coming, and numbers are expected to

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increase. And I think the conference will be a success sir.

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Male 2 What's more important than the number of people is the quality of the people showing up, if they're high profile and...

Male 12 Yes sir, excellent quality
And we're always consulting with the doctor. The people that are showing up, and especially the European companies; whether Italian, French, and Spanish or British, are specialty companies. Even some Americans want to attend.
Very high profile companies.

Male 2 Your talks with them should be about two issues. First one is that we will increase our oil production. And we're not able to increase our production alone; we need cooperation from governments and countries. The second issue is two parts. The reason why we want to increase production, the wars that we went through from Iran to the gulf war, postponed a lot of things in our people's life. Our oil production alone can't compensate for these things anymore. We also need to compensate our people on the consumption and production levels. Our people have been deprived of things for 15 years, like... [Inaudible]
To lift the embargo, we need to address our people needs and demands that they think they deserve to have
[Inaudible]... so we should concentrate on these points

Male 12 [Inaudible]

Male 13 ...Saudi Arabia forces that price on OPEC, who in turn forces it on the world.
Sir, I sent you a letter that has a study backed by numbers. I want to have your permission to send the study to presidents of Arab countries that produce oil. Also send it to heads of states, oil ministers, research centers, major newspapers, and major magazines in the Arab world, Arab opposition parties and Arab publishers. I want to discuss it wherever I get the chance. The study was for the year 1992 and I updated it for the year 1994. The one I did for 1992 was already published in four or five Arabic magazines and newspapers in London and Beirut. This Saudi issue needs to be exposed internationally, because they shouldn't be allowed to dictate an oil price because of their special relationship with America. They're making the Arabs suffer huge loses.
Like you've said sir, the oil price should be reasonable. So what's reasonable? \$14? Even in 1974 it was more. Back then we got goods and services with our oil more than this. In 1994, our dollar buys one fourths or one fifth of the goods that it

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bought in 1974. And it's because of Saudi Arabia that wants security and weapons from America, and they want to give them cheap oil to help the western industrial sector.

It's a scandal that nobody talks about. The Arabic media talks about politics and other things when this is the most dangerous issue that affect poor countries like Yemen. But no one talks about it.

If we put pressure to decrease the oil production of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE, and we in turn increase our production to make up the difference, there will not be a huge increase in production. Their production is way more than what the world needs right now.

I didn't really want to talk about this, but the opportunity arose and I presented my study. Thank you sir.

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Male 2 The general direction of your study is correct. Maybe the details about an increase in production here or a decrease there. But the people who specialize in oil and economy know this truth.
But this is not our battle now...

Male 12 This is not the right time...

Male 2 It will make things harder instead of easier. We need to concentrate now on international economy, and oil production should be available in the quantity that the world needs, or the quantity that...
If any political crisis were to happen right now in Saudi Arabia, the whole world would be nervous. So having more Iraqi oil than what's available now will achieve balance and economic stability in the world.
At the same time, when we look at the numbers that you submitted, is it better for the world economy to be stimulated or to go through a recession? See which is better and then make a connection with your numbers.
So this direction is more beneficial to us right now than the first one.
But as far as exposing Saudi Arabia, we need to forget about it.

Male 12 Sir, they don't need 8 million barrels for their security. They need to produce less, and so do Kuwait and UAE. And the Iraqi oil should take their place
What will happen after lifting the embargo? The Iraqi oil production will increase, prices will drop and there will be a crisis in the countries that produce oil. Who says the industrial world needs oil? They store their oil. America stores oil. They don't need this quantity...

Male 2 We need to tell the Europeans that with this policy, America doesn't just want cheap oil. If cheap oil were what they were after, they would've fought to get Iraqi oil back on the market. America wants to monopolize the oil and through that control the policies of Europe, Japan and others. It also wants to harm Russia through its oil by making the prices drop.
They might say the Iraqi oil is the reason behind the drop in oil prices, well was the Iraqi oil a factor in dropping the prices before? When it was being produced? That's the question.
When the Iraqi oil was being produced, it was a balancing factor to stabilize oil prices. The Iraqi policy was always against price fluctuation. And it was also against dropping the oil price to the point where it becomes unprofitable for the

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countries in the area.

At the same time, we have to let the companies and countries know that when the Arab economy is stable, the Arab countries' local situation is better. Poverty is the cause of the surges that threaten the world economy and the stability in the area.

Is it in the world's best interest to have the oil area stable? Or is it in the world's best interest that the area is always in turmoil and have surprises in the political front?

The American oil policy that Saudi Arabia is following, will lead to instability in the area. And will lead to instability in world economy. It means that America will control the oil capability and the resulting political power, and have controlling power over the whole world.

So this is the issue that we need to concentrate on.

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- Male 12** [Inaudible]... is only 2% of the industrial world's capability. So it's a myth that when oil prices go up...
- Male 2** That's what they say
- Male 12** In 1981, oil prices were \$34. It didn't turn into a crisis and the prices didn't go up.
- Male 2** Prices did go up, but they exported the goods to us. The oil producing countries
- Male 12** That wasn't because of oil mister president; it was because of their own inflation problems. [Inaudible] 2% to 3% of the world's production. And it's not an affecting factor. And we should also look at all the debt that the Arab countries currently have. Even the oil producing countries have debt, and their debt is more than their oil profits. Isn't this an instability factor?
- Male 2** Yes, we need to concentrate on that too
- Male 12** Yemen, or Egypt, their instability [inaudible] because of the Saudi oil policy. And the Saudis don't care. They get billions more than they need. But the rest care, Tunisia cares, Yemen cares, [Inaudible] So the issue is the oil prices and the harm it causes the Arab countries. It's one of the most important instability factors in the area. So raising oil prices is absolutely not a reason of instability...
- Male 2** What's important is that when the Iraqi oil was on the market, it didn't cause price fluctuations, and it didn't cause the oil prices to drop significantly. So we need to talk about that, didn't we used to be an oil producing country? We had a positive role in preventing oil price fluctuations, and at the same time keeping reasonable oil price so we can guarantee oil market stability for producers and their relationship with consumers.
- Male 12** Didn't you send me to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE to discuss their increased oil production and the dropping oil prices? And you remember the summit and how they conspired against you, and how Kuwait increased their production share in OPEC four times and [Inaudible] and the prices were \$14. Four times within a few years and now they want to do it again. They want to increase their share again so

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the prices can drop again. Price dropped to \$7 mister president.
So this is a dangerous issue that affects...

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- Male 2** We should let the western companies and governments know that feeling injustice will put them in front of political surprises. So they should be the ones who try to fix this, they should try to make oil prices profitable. And they should prevent the price from fluctuating, up or down.
- Male 13** Sir the study that was presented by Dr Sa'dun is accurate and very useful in two cases. We publish the study and we concentrate on it only after executing Section 22, meaning after we're back in the oil market. So we have a very important Iraqi official and a former prime minister, and an advisor for the president, wants to send letters to heads of states telling them the oil price right now is not good and we're not going to sell a single barrel. They're going to think look at them, from now until they prepare to increase the price. This is the impression that people will have. Let's be honest. So we either postpone this study until after carrying out Section 22, or Dr Sa'dun gives it to a journalist to publish it under the journalist's name if we're in a hurry to expose Saudi Arabia. So make a journalist do it, not the Advisor to the Iraqi President. That's just my opinion.
- Male 2** We should use it in the media that's being directed against Saudi Arabia
- Male 13** Yes but not us. What did the doctor say? He didn't say there's such a study. The study is correct and I agree with him 100%. And it is useful to be known. But he wants his signature to be on it while he sends it to heads of states, and this is tactically not a good move. So why are there countries that need oil, and other countries that export oil but also deal in the oil market, like Russia, need oil like France, they want the embargo lifted? Let's ask this question. First of all, they feel that America is controlling the oil by controlling the gulf area. So it is in their interest and they know that America has become the only super power left that controls everything. They know, and just like me and the comrades here, when the French meet together they talk about how the Americans control everything, exactly like we do. The only difference is that they don't say it in public because they don't want to get into a public confrontation. They want guaranteed shares for the future. Even Russia wants a guaranteed share that it can sell on the market. It wants to stay an effective player in the market. They want Iraq to be back now and in the future. And they want Iraq to increase it's

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production like you mentioned earlier. Meaning for Iraq to export more than it does at the present time. All this is in their best interest.

But the thing that we do need to emphasize is like you said, that Iraq is a balancing factor in the oil market when it comes back. That's why I talked about the two countries in OPEC. Not because they're Islamic countries trying to do good for Muslims. It's because they have interests. The two countries are Indonesia and Niger. They support lifting the embargo. I'm sure Dr Safa knows this, but there is an agreement in OPEC that the Iraqi return to the oil market combined with less oil production from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is a balancing factor.

Right now, any news out of Baghdad, or any news from New York, affects the oil prices. The Iraqi return to the oil market combined with an oil agreement to specify production levels and agree on prices, and if there's a plan to increase production it should do so gradually not jump suddenly, all of this is in the interest of exporters for sure, and that's why they support us.

And it is also in the best interest of consumers that import the oil who do not have imperialist goals like America.

They want guarantees and stability. They don't want one party to play around. If a crisis hits the American dollar, which is possible, for example, America dumped 20 to 30 billion dollars in Mexico because the Mexican Peso collapsed. America is scared of Mexico. If Mexico's economy collapses...

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Male 2 [Inaudible]

Male 13 If the last treaty between America, Mexico and Canada; NAFTA, collapses, if Mexico collapses and a starvation happens, Mexicans will jump the fence and cross into the United States. It was a big problem for them when the Haitians and Cubans came to them. Mexico is 100 million. And they're close; they don't need boats or anything. The only option for Americans would be to open fire and kill them, but they can't do that...

Male 9 Sir, California is already Mexican

Male 2 Did they already spend the 30 billion or not yet?

Male 13 They paid it...

Male 2 They announced that they were going to but...

Male 13 No they did pay it. And the Russians said what's with the billion here and there. And they can put Mexico in their pockets. They didn't directly give them the money, they made arrangements and they actually did manage to stabilize the Mexican Peso.
So if something like this were to happen in America, it will solve it with oil. And it will blackmail all the big industrial countries.

Male 2 That's part of their plan

Male 13 Yes.
So they're saying Iraq can export three to five million barrels in order to be a balancing factor if America wants to fool around.
That's the point, and it benefits us at all fronts. It helps us expedite carrying out Section 22. It helps us improve our relationship with the industrial countries except the United States. It also helps us later; this is important and very accurate. When we do get back into the market, Dr Safa Al-Habbubi can go to OPEC and sit there representing us as a producing country and have a say in what they do.
But if this study is sent signed by Advisor Sa'dun Al-Hammadi, then it will harm us.

Male 2 Dr Munthir

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Male 14 Thank you sir. I'm not an expert on oil and economy, but from following the international media, the study presented by Dr Sa'dun, maybe he put it in detail, but the information contained in it is well known. And I can say that it doesn't have anything new. The media and the experts are well aware of it.

Maybe he arranged it and showed the Saudi role from a political view, it's possible, but the main things have been well known for a while.

Another issue is what is the solution? Dr Sa'dun is saying that we should pressure Saudi Arabia, on June 10th, and we put the Iraqi oil on the market. So what if it did, it will still be at \$15, that's a sure thing.

Another point that is extremely important and dangerous, if we follow the logic of this study... meaning that the core logic of this study is against nationalization, at least when it comes to the west.

The west has always been screaming. What they call in France "Petroleum Shock" cause price hikes and inflation because of nationalization and instability in the area. Dr Sa'dun didn't say any of this.

Also in his study, he wants to show the debt of the Arab countries from Egypt to Yemen to the gulf. It is true that they have debt, but the reason is not only the low oil prices, but for many other reasons like buying weapons and spending etc. which is what America wanted. So America controlled the oil from that side.

Another thing that I disagree with Dr Tariq, When France wants to break the American monopoly on oil, it won't be because America is in fact controlling %40 of world oil. It is because of their interest in Iraq, Iraqi debt to France, and also their oil and commercial investments in Iraq. France right now is self-sufficient when it comes to oil. They have branches in America, like "Texax K". So they have strong oil interests with America. France wants Iraq to get back in the oil market so they can have their old economic activities back in Iraq. They're number one in investments and that's what the French media is expecting right now. So France might have interests in this monopoly through its companies. So France will be the biggest benefactor of the Iraqi return to the oil market.

That's my opinion.

Male 2 Comrade Tarik

Male 15 Sir, Dr Munthir was the one who read the Total And Alf contract presented by Dr Safa Al-Habbubi. Didn't he read it

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and make observations?

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Male 14 I didn't read it.

Male 15 We discussed it in the Council Dr. In Tikrit.

Male 14 I read a summary

Male 15 The contract said the Total And Alf take a certain quantity of oil. You do remember the discussion that happened, and some comrades objected about the quantity. And I told you that if you object they'd change their minds. Total And Alf is a multi national company that has interests in America. But they want a quantity. And that was their condition. They want a guarantee of 300,000 barrel a day... everyone is different... but no less than...

[Inaudible]

So what I said wasn't speculations, I'm reading information. We need to see what they want. Then we decide based on that. They want a guaranteed quantity for the future.

France is not oil self-sufficient. It's not a producer. It gets it from buying sources. And where are the buying sources in the world? The United States does not sell. It also buys oil.

Latin America, Mexico and the little from Argentina, they don't have a lot of exports. So France buys oil from OPEC countries. The big members of OPEC are well known and Iraq is number two when it comes to producing.

Even the Soviet Union back in the day... they have a good production, they have a surplus. But still they made contracts with us. They were buying oil from us [Laugh], and then sell it. Because it wants to be a player and wants to have a guarantee that if it runs out of oil, it will have resources from friendly countries. Because the oil market is an economic and strategic market.

Male 2 There's an issue that will be helpful for your research. If we get the chance to buy all the gulf oil and then turn around and export it for the same price, we would. Because the country is as important as it's volume of exported oil. So you get economic benefits not just from increasing the prices of oil, you benefit from the relationships that you build by selling the oil. So Russian, French or German companies might buy more oil than they need. And then export it again. That way they secure economic relationships with the parties they sell the oil to. So it's economic and strategic relationships. So why does the US want to control the oil in the world? Because it lets it control the world economically and

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strategically. Not through raising or lowering oil prices. They do it through the whole economic game that leads into the political game.

For example, France might need 50 million tons but buy more if they guarantee a contract for a decade or longer. It will use the 50 million for its local needs, and the rest economic benefits.

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